

attached *Miriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary 10th Edition*, cantilevered requires a projecting beam or member supported at only one end. In Muoio the armrest 29 is supported at both ends. To clarify this even more, claims 1, 15, 25 and 27 have been amended to recite the free end of the armrest, a feature not found in Muoio. Claim 6 and 25 have a similar recitation as claim 1 as concerns a cantilevered armrest. The fact that the prior art armrests can be pushed down or up along the cross-bar portion does not make the armrest cantilevered. Accordingly, reconsideration of this rejection is requested.

Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 2, 3, 9, 11 and 27-29 as being unpatentable over Muoio ('054) in view of Coutts ('358) under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is requested. Coutts was not proffered for, nor does it cure the inadequacies of the reference to Muoio. In this regard it should also be noted that Coutts also has a non-cantilevered armrest. Note also that independent claim 27 references the cantilevered armrest. Accordingly, reconsideration of this rejection is requested.

Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 4, 5, 30 and 31 as being unpatentable over Muoio ('054) in view of Coutts ('358) under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is requested. As indicated above, neither Muoio nor Coutts provides for the cantilevered arm of parent claims 1 and 27 and hence reconsideration of this rejection is requested.

Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 13-24 and 26 as being unpatentable over Muoio ('054) in view of Coutts et al. ('358) in further view of Walker ('848) under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) is requested. Walker was not proffered for, nor does it cure the inadequacies of the references to Muoio and Coutts et al. as explained supra. Further, Walker like Muoio and Coutts et al. does not provide for a cantilevered armrest. In this regard it should also be noted that independent claim 15 references the cantilevered armrest limitations. Accordingly, reconsideration of this rejection is requested.

In view of the above, the application is now deemed to be in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is thanked for the courtesies extended during the recent interview where the above amendments were referenced and agreed to be entered.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees, be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 02-1010 (20341/67618).

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT A

1. (Twice Amended) A juvenile vehicle seat assembly comprising

a seat including a seat bottom and a seat back,

a cantilevered armrest projecting from the seat back, the cantilevered armrest including an arm having a free end, a top surface and a support mount appended to the arm and coupled to the seat back to support the arm in a cantilevered position, and

a first fastener coupled to the support mount and seat back to maintain the arm in the cantilevered position, the first fastener being arranged to lie above the top surface of arm to cause the arm to lie between the first fastener and the seat bottom when the arm is in [its] the cantilevered position.

15. (Twice Amended) A juvenile vehicle seat assembly comprising

a seat including a seat bottom and a seat back having a side ridge facing forwardly toward the seat bottom,

a cantilevered armrest including a rearwardly facing support mount, an arm having a free end and a top surface, the support mount being appended to the arm and extending above the top surface of the arm for receiving the forwardly facing side ridge of the seat back therein, and a load support panel arranged to abut the seat back to block pivotable movement of the cantilevered arm relative to the seat back, and

a retainer coupled to a portion of the support mount and the seat back to maintain the arm in a cantilevered position.

25. (Twice Amended) A juvenile vehicle seat assembly comprising

a seat including a seat bottom and a seat back having a side edge facing forwardly toward the seat bottom,

a cantilevered armrest including a free end, a top surface and support mount formed to include a rearwardly facing U-shaped channel receiving the forwardly facing side edge of the seat back therein and an arm appended to the support mount, and

means for fastening the support mount to the seat back to support the arm in a cantilevered position, the fastening means including a first fastener positioned to lie above the top surface of the arm and a second fastener positioned to lie below the arm.

27. (Twice Amended) A juvenile vehicle seat assembly comprising

a seat including a seat bottom and a seat back,

a cantilevered armrest including an arm having a free end, a top surface and a support mount appended to the arm, the support mount including an upper wing rising above the top surface arm and away from the seat bottom and a lower wing extending below the top surface of arm and toward the seat bottom, and

means for fastening the support mount to the seat back to support the arm in a cantilevered position, the fastening means including a first fastener coupled to the upper wing and the seat back and a second fastener coupled to the lower wing and the seat back.

ATTACHMENT B

1. (Twice Amended) A juvenile vehicle seat assembly comprising

a seat including a seat bottom and a seat back,

B1 a cantilevered armrest projecting from the seat back, the cantilevered armrest including an arm having a free end, a top surface and a support mount appended to the arm and coupled to the seat back to support the arm in a cantilevered position, and

a first fastener coupled to the support mount and seat back to maintain the arm in the cantilevered position, the first fastener being arranged to lie above the top surface of arm to cause the arm to lie between the first fastener and the seat bottom when the arm is in the cantilevered position.

15. (Twice Amended) A juvenile vehicle seat assembly comprising

a seat including a seat bottom and a seat back having a side ridge facing forwardly toward the seat bottom,

B2 a cantilevered armrest including a rearwardly facing support mount, an arm having a free end and a top surface, the support mount being appended to the arm and extending above the top surface of the arm for receiving the forwardly facing side ridge of the seat back therein, and a load support panel arranged to abut the seat back to block pivotable movement of the cantilevered arm relative to the seat back, and

a retainer coupled to a portion of the support mount and the seat back to maintain the arm in a cantilevered position.

25. (Twice Amended) A juvenile vehicle seat assembly comprising

a seat including a seat bottom and a seat back having a side edge facing forwardly toward the seat bottom,

B3 a cantilevered armrest including a free end, a top surface and support mount formed to include a rearwardly facing U-shaped channel receiving the forwardly facing side edge of the seat back therein and an arm appended to the support mount, and

means for fastening the support mount to the seat back to support the arm in a cantilevered position, the fastening means including a first fastener positioned to lie above the top surface of the arm and a second fastener positioned to lie below the arm.

27. (Twice Amended) A juvenile vehicle seat assembly comprising

a seat including a seat bottom and a seat back,

B4 a cantilevered armrest including an arm having a free end, a top surface and a support mount appended to the arm, the support mount including an upper wing rising above the top surface arm and away from the seat bottom and a lower wing extending below the top surface of arm and toward the seat bottom, and

means for fastening the support mount to the seat back to support the arm in a cantilevered position, the fastening means including a first fastener coupled to the upper wing and the seat back and a second fastener coupled to the lower wing and the seat back.

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Load support panel 67 is positioned to lie at a junction of open lower side 63 of arm 11 and support mount 12 and is arranged to lie in a fixed position relative to arm 11 and support mount 12. As shown best in Fig. 3, load support panel 67 is formed to lie at an obtuse angle 79 relative to a downwardly facing wall 7 of arm 11, and has an upper end 80, and side walls 81. Upper end 80 abuts upper wall 82 of open lower side 63 and side walls 81 abut a portion of side walls 83 of open lower side 63. Side walls 81 of load support panel 67 also connect to a portion of inner and outer flanges 72, 74, due to the angle in which load support panel 67 is positioned. Load support panel 67 includes a lower edge 84 positioned to abut left or right side ridges 16, 18.

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